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SUBJ: JAPAN AND DRV: MIYAKE VISIT: III - ECONOMIC

ASSISTANCE AND TRADE

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SUMMARY: SEE REFTEL.

1. TURNING TO ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, MIYAKE SAID NVN OFFICIALS APPEARED TO HAVE GREAT EXPECTATIONS FOR BILATERAL JAPANESE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. HE EXPLAINED TO THEM THAT JAPANESE ASSISTANCE WOULD DEPEND ON SITUATION IN VIETNAM AND THAT CERTAIN STEPS WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN BEFORE SUCH AID COULD BE EXTENDED. IN RESPONSE TO NVN SUGGESTIONS ON SPECIFIC PROJECTS, HE TOLD NORTH VIETNAMESE THAT IT WAS TOO EARLY TO DISCUSS THEM. JAPANESE ASSISTANCE COULD NOT BE EXTENDED TO ANY COUNTRY IN ABSENCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. FOLLOWING THIS STEP, RECIPIENT SHOULD PROVIDE GOJ WITH WELL- PREPARED PROPOSAL FOR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. GOJ MISSION WOULD BE SENT TO EVALUATE PROGRAM AND PROJECTS INVOLVED. IN CONCLUSION,  
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HE COUNSELLED NORTH VIETNAMESE TO BE PATIENT. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF' S QUERY, MIYAKE SAID HE HAD MADE CLEAR TO NORTH VIETNAMESE THAT JAPANESE AID WOULD BE DEPENDENT, AS WAS MATTER OF RECOGNITION, ON ADHERENCE TO PARIS AGREEMENTS.

2. CONCERNING MULTILATERAL APPROACH TO ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, MIYAKE SAID NVN OFFICIALS QUERIED HIM ABOUT CON-SORTIUMS, CONSULTATIVE GROUPS AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR INDOESIA. JUDGING BY NORTH VIETNAMESE QUESTIONS, MIYAKE BELIEVED THEY KNEW VERY LITTLE ABOUT MEANS AND ARRANGEMENTS BY WHICH ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IS EXTENDED BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. HE CAME AWAY WITH IMPRESSION THAT THEY WERE NOT SO MUCH NEGATIVELY INCLINED TOWARD MULTILATERAL APPROACH, BUT THAT THEY DID NOT KNOW AND WERE UNCERTAIN AS TO ITS MEANING. HE PERSONALLY THOUGHT THIS ASPECT OF NORTH VIETNAMESE ATTITUDE MIGHT BE FURTHER EXPLORED.

3. EMBOFF INQUIRED IF APPARENT NORTH VIETNAMESE INTEREST IN MULTILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS ONLY REPRESENTED COURTEOUS INQUIRY IN LIGHT PRIMIN TANAKA' S AND FONMIN OHIRA' S STRESS ON THIS APPROACH IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS. MIYAKE REPLIED QUITE DEFINITELY NOT; HE THOUGHT THEY HAD SERIOUS INTEREST IN MATTER. HE DID NOT ANTICIPATE NVN WOULD SEEK FURTHER INFORMATION, BUT HE THOUGHT IT POSSIBLE THAT IF SOUNDINGS WERE TAKEN WITH THEM, NVN MIGHT EXPRESS INTEREST IN UNSYG WALDHEIM' S APPROACH EARLIER THIS YEAR. HE DID NOT THINK ADB OR IBRD WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE CHANNEL FOR AID IN VIEW OF RECOGNITION PROBLEM.

4. EMBOFF INQUIRED ABOUT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MIYAKE' S CONVERSATIONS WITH NORTH VIETNAMESE AND INITIATIVE TO ESTABLISH CONSULTATIVE GROUP FOR SOUTH VIETNAM DISCUSSED BY IBRD PRESIDENT MCNAMARA WITH FONMIN OHIRA. MIYAKE SAID GOJ INTENDS TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION IN ASSISTANCE TO SOUTH VIETNAM, BUT IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO MAKE OBSERVATIONS ON IBRD INITIATIVE AS RELATED TO HIS VISIT TO HANOI. IN SUM, GOJ WAS IN POSITION OF REVIEWING ITS OVERALL POLICY TOWARD INDOCHINA AND HAD NOT COME TO CONCLUSIONS.

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5. MIYAKE SAID NVN WISHES TO EXPAND ITS TRADE RELATIONS WITH JAPAN AND HAD CRITICIZED GOJ FOR NOT PERMITTING SUCH EXPANSION TO TAKE PLACE. MIYAKE REPLIED THAT GOJ COULD INFLUENCE BUT NOT COMPEL PRIVATE BUSINESSMEN TO INCREASE TRADE AND NOTED THAT CONTINUED WARFARE IN AREA INTERFERED WITH NORMAL ESTABLISHMENT TRADE RELATIONS.

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